

# THE BEEF SHORTHORN CATTLE SOCIETY

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## **Annual Report and Accounts 1970**

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### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held in the STATION HOTEL, PERTH, on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1971, at 4 p.m.

### **A G E N D A :**

1. Minute of Thirty-Fourth Annual General Meeting.
2. Submission of Annual Report and Accounts for 1970.
3. Election of Members to the Board of Directors: Result of New Nominations.
4. Election of President.
5. Election of Vice-President.
6. Auditor's Remuneration.
7. Any other competent business.

Dated the 15th day of January, 1971.

*By Order of the Directors.*

T. M. O. LANG,  
*Secretary*

17 York Place,  
Perth.





## *Board of Directors*

District.	Attendance at Meetings.	
	Possible.	Actual.
Wm. Anderson, Philorth, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire (President) ... ..	3	3
Jas. Biggar, Chapelton, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire (Vice-President) ... ..	3	3
Capt. G. G. Rutherford, Baldowrie, Coupar Angus, Perthshire (Past-President) ... ..	3	3
<i>North of Scotland</i>		
G. F. Durno, Cairnbrogie, Oldmeldrum, Aberdeenshire	3	1
D. P. MacGillivray, Calrossie Mains, Nigg Station, Ross-shire ... ..	3	2
H. L. Claeson Gordon, Midmar Castle, Sauchen, Aberdeenshire ... ..	3	3
R. D. McWatt, Whinney Brae, Moss of Barmuchity, Elgin, Moray ... ..	3	2
W. L. Anderson, Morphie, Montrose, Angus ... ..	3	3
J. W. Traill Thomson, Garson, Stromness, Orkney ...	3	2
<i>South of Scotland</i>		
The Hon. Mrs. I. Dewhurst, Dungarthill, Dunkeld Perthshire ... ..	3	3
J. H. Dewhurst, Woodend, Madderty, Crieff ... ..	3	—
D. J. Cadzow, Duncrahill, Pencaitland, East Lothian	3	1
P. H. Dickson, Craighead House, Blair Drummond by Stirling ... ..	3	3
Major P. H. Henderson, D.F.C., Lawton, Coupar Angus, Perthshire ... ..	3	3
Wm. McGowan, Fingask, Dairsie, Cupar, Fife ... ..	3	3
<i>England and Isle of Man</i>		
A. L. Smith-Maxwell, Welland Lodge Farm, Upton-on- Severn, Worc. ... ..	3	—
Miss Mary Furness, Otterington Hall, Northallerton, Yorks. ... ..	3	2
G. C. Turton, The Pale Dyke, Felixkirk, Thirsk, Yorks.	3	1
<i>Wales</i>		
H. Ll. Greenshields, Tyddyn Whisgin, Caethraw, Caernarvon, N. Wales ... ..	3	—
<i>N. Ireland</i>		
W. W. McKinney, Portaferry House Farm, Portaferry, Newtonards, C. Down, No Ireland ... ..	3	1
<i>Co-opted (Council Members of the Shorthorn Society)</i>		
Lt.-Col. H. L. Dewhurst, Dungarthill, Dunkeld, Perth- shire ... ..	3	3
Major J. S. Mirylees, Caple Mead, How Caple, Here- ford ... ..	3	2
Lt.-Col. J. M. Wood, Heigholme Hall, Leven, nr. Hull, E. Yorks. ... ..	3	—
J. L. Sleight, Tolquhon, Tarves, Aberdeenshire ...	3	2



## *Minute*

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MINUTE of the THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the BEEF SHORTHORN CATTLE SOCIETY, held in the Station Hotel, Perth on MONDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1970 at 5.30 p.m.

The President, Captain G. G. Rutherford, Baldowrie, Coupar Angus, occupied the Chair, and the Secretary Mr. T. M. O. Lang was in attendance.

The attendance of Members numbered 42.

### **The late Mr. R. H. Watherston, C.B.E.**

The President made mention of the sudden death of Mr. R. H. Watherston. He said that a tragic loss had been suffered by the Society and all its Members and that his wise councils would be greatly missed.

### **Minute of Annual General Meeting—1969.**

The Minute of the Thirty-Third held on 8th February, 1969 as published in the Annual Report, and circulated to all Members, was unanimously approved on the proposal of Mr. A. L. Smith-Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Alex. Birnie.

### **Annual Report and Accounts for 1969.**

The President reported to the Meeting that the Revenue Account showed a loss of £245 5s. 8d. as against £853 6s. 1d. for 1968. He pointed out that £120, Export Levy, due from the estate of the late W. Gordon Blackstock had been written off. The revenue for Members subscriptions was less by £200 due to seventy five Members also being written off. These items had been dealt with in this manner in order to show more realistic figures in the Accounts. It was interesting to note that expenditure was the lowest since 1959.

On the income side the better sale in February reflected in the increased revenue from Commission and Levy and increased grants were paid by The Perth Hunt and The Highland Cattle Society.

On a motion by Lt.-Col. H. L. Dewhurst seconded by Mr. A. L. Smith-Maxwell, the Report and Accounts for the year to 31st December, 1969 were unanimously approved.

### **Election to Board of Directors.**

The President reported that, in accordance with the Society's Articles of Association nominations had been received for the election of Members to the Board of Directors, and the following results were declared:—

North of Scotland District: W. L. Anderson, Morpie, Montrose; J. W. Traill Thomson, Onston, Stenness, Orkney.



South of Scotland District: Wm. McGowan, Fingask, Dairsie, Cupar, Fife; Major P. H. Henderson, D.F.C., Lawton, Coupar Angus.

England and Isle of Man: No nominations received.

Wales: No Vacancy.

Northern Ireland: W. W. McKinney, Portaferry House Farm, Newtonards, Co. Down.

Eire: No nominations received.

### **Election of President.**

The President proposed from the Chair that the Vice-President, Mr. Wm. Anderson, Philorth, Fraserburgh be elected President of the Society for the following year to which proposal the Meeting unanimously agreed. Capt. Rutherford said that Mr. Anderson had been of considerable assistance to him during his year of office and with his tremendous interest in Beef Shorthorns would make an ideal President. Mr. Anderson thanked the Meeting for electing him and made special mention of all the hard work Capt. Rutherford had put in on behalf of the Society during his term of office.

### **Election of Vice-President.**

On the proposal of Mr. Wm. Anderson, Mr. James Biggar, Chapelton, Castle Douglas was unanimously elected Vice-President of the Society for the ensuing year.

### **Auditor's Remuneration.**

Capt. G. G. Rutherford proposed and Mr. P. H. Dickson seconded that the present Auditors. Messrs. Morris & Young, C.A., be re-appointed at a remuneration of Sixty guineas. The Meeting unanimously agreed.

### **Financial Year.**

The President pointed out that with the present financial year, ending in 31st December, and the Annual General Meeting being held in early February it was extremely difficult to have the books audited, the Report and Accounts printed, and still give Members 21 days notice of the A.G.M.

On a proposal by Capt. Rutherford the Meeting unanimously agreed that in future the financial year of the Society would be from 1st December to 30th November.

### **Perth Show & Sale—1970.**

Capt. Rutherford congratulated Mr. W. L. Anderson, Morphie, Montrose on his winning the Supreme Championship with "Morphie Ballymoss" earlier on in the day, and which was greeted with acclamation by all present.



# *Directors' Report*

for the eleven months ending 30th November, 1970.

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## **Finance**

You will observe from the Minute of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th February, 1969 that the financial year is now from 1st December to 30th November. The Annual Accounts therefore cover only eleven months and you will observe that during this period no expenses on account of the "Record" have been shown.

The Revenue account shows a profit of £530 as against a loss of £245 last year. Even if a full twelve months accounting had been allowed for it is estimated that a profit would still have been made.

Advertising and Propoganda shows an increase of £121 mainly due to additional advertising of the Show and Sales and also advertising for a Shorthand/Typist due to change of staff. Rates, Fuel and Light is more by £75 due to the payment of rates being brought up to date and in future only one year's rates will be charged.

On the Income side Subscriptions show an increase as many of the arrears have now been brought up to date and your Directors are pleased to advise that the balance outstanding is now more realistic. Commission and Levy showed an overall increase of £176 due to higher average prices being realised at the sales. Increased revenue was also realised from The Perth Hunt and The Highland Cattle Society who both increased their grant.

You will also observe that the total investments at cost amount to £4,027 as against £3,426 last year.

## **Farm Walk**

Your Directors are pleased to report that a very successful Farm Walk was held at Philorth, Fraserburgh under the auspices of Mr. Watt Taylor and Mr. Wm. Anderson, your President. There was a good turn out of Commercial farmers who were most impressed with the part played by Beef Shorthorns in producing fat cattle. It is considered that advertising of this nature is of inestimable value as all those interested can see for themselves just what the Beef Shorthorns can do. Your Directors are hopeful that a similar demonstration can be held in 1971 at some other venue.

## **Membership**

Membership stands at 206 being more or less the same as last year. There must be many people interested in Beef Shorthorns and your Directors request that any help you can give to encourage new Members will be much appreciated.



### **National Local Shows**

Members are once again requested to enter for as many shows as possible. More and more herds are becoming accredited and are now in a position to put forward animals. Good healthy competition is of much value quite apart from the publicity which accrues.

### **Fatstock Shows**

No major successes were achieved this year at either the Scottish National or Smithfield shows. Although entries at the Scottish National were low the Society took the opportunity of exhibiting two pairs of live steers. The first, crossed with Irish AngusxHereford cows were put forward by Messrs. Watt Taylor Ltd., Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire and prepared for the demonstration by Mr. Wm. McGowan, Fingask, Dairsie, Fife. The other pair were crossed with Ayrshire cows and put forward by Mr. Walter Courts, Farm Manager of the Scottish Co-operation Wholesale Society, Blairgowrie.

The Society's thanks are due to those concerned for their co-operation and assistance.

### **Beef Shorthorn Record**

Members are kindly requested to send in articles and news at any time of the year when they will be filed for inclusion in the Annual Magazine. In the last issue of the "Record" no mention was made of Mr. A. C. (Sandy) Cowper who is the official photographer for the Society and also, as usual, was always ready to come to the assistance of the Editor in taking photographs at the Local and National Shows and elsewhere.

# THE BEEF SHORTHORN

## REVENUE

For period from 1st January,

Year to  
31/12/69.

### EXPENDITURE.

£500	Allowance to Thomas Lawson & Co. ...	£500	0	0
427	Prize Scheme ...	295	8	0
336	Advertising and Propaganda ...	457	1	10
"THE BEEF SHORTHORN RECORD"—				
	Cost of Publishing ...	£0	0	0
	Cost of Blocks (1969) ...	22	1	3
	Less: Advertising Rents ...	0	0	0
305		22	1	3
213	Highland Showstand Maintenance ...	137	13	10
25	Demonstrations ...	12	4	6
154	Judging Expenses ...	6	5	10
1,960	Total Direct Cost of Publicity ...	1,430	15	3
2,092	Expenses of Management ...	2,173	11	8
116	Pension Scheme Contribution for Ex-Secretary ...	106	0	0
354	Rates, Fuel and Light ...	429	18	10
359	Postages and Telephone ...	306	19	5
179	Stationery and Duplicating ...	166	15	1
64	Insurances ...	71	8	0
70	Audit Fee ...	70	0	0
48	Subscription to Allied Associations and Agricultural Publications	38	0	0
25	Upkeep of Property ...	40	14	3
18	Upkeep of Furniture and Fittings ...	43	4	2
109	Miscellaneous Expenses ...	131	4	7
22	Dinner Expenses, less Receipts ...	46	16	7
120	Export Levy written off ...	0	0	0
5	Herdsmen Supper Expenses, less Receipts ...	5	12	9
DEPRECIATION—				
46	Furniture and Fittings ...	42	7	6
£5,587		5,103	8	1
	Balance being profit for period carried down ...	530	0	0
£5,587		£5,633	8	1
£245	Loss for year, brought down ...	£0	0	0
1,295	Balance brought forward ...	1,540	7	7
£1,540		£1,540	7	7



CATTLE SOCIETY

ACCOUNT

1970 to 30th November, 1970

Year to  
31/12/69

INCOME.

£280	Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£384	6	2
115	Commission on Sales	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	272	1	0
1,514	Levy on Sales—Contributed by Members	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,532	19	7
115	Export Levy on Private Sales	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	0	0
126	Interest on Investments, less tax	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	128	1	2
87	Income Tax Recoverable	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86	12	4
1,524	Repayment from the Shorthorn Society, Market Harborough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,399	0	0
	Highland Cattle Society—Management and Sundry Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
702	recovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	766	10	0
858	The Perth Hunt—Management Expenses recovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	940	10	0
13	Deposit Receipt Interest	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	13	9
8	Sales of "Shorthorn World"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	14	1
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£5,342									£5,633	8	1
245	Balance being loss for year, carried down	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0

£5,587

£5,633 8 1

—	Profit for Period brought down	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£530	0	0
1,540	Balance carried forward per Balance Sheet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,010	7	7
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£1,540									£1,540	7	7

# THE BEEF SHORTHORN

## BALANCE

As at 30th

As at  
31/12/69.

### Reserves and Surplus.

Reserves and Surplus									
1. CAPITAL RESERVE.									
£3,100	As at 31st December, 1969	...	...	...	...	...	£3,100	0	0
2. SPECIAL REVENUE RESERVE.									
4,213	As at 31st December, 1969	...	...	...	...	...	4,213	2	11
3. GENERAL REVENUE RESERVE.									
5,000	As at 31st December, 1969	...	...	...	...	...	5,000	0	0
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£12,313							£12,313	2	11
Less:									
4. REVENUE ACCOUNT.									
1,540	Debit Balance	...	...	...	...	...	1,010	7	7
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£10,773							£11,302	15	4

### Current Liabilities.

1,593	1. Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	...	£126	0	0	
8	2. Subscriptions—Received in Advance	...	...	...	...	7	6	0	
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							133	6	0

(Sgd.) Wm. ANDERSON, *President*.

(Sgd.) Lt.-Col. H. L. DEWHURST, *Director*.

22 George Street, Perth, 6th January, 1971.—We have audited the Books and Accounts of the Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society for the period from 1st January, 1970 to 30th November, 1970 and have obtained all the information and explanations, which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Society so far as appears from our examination of these books.

The foregoing Balance Sheet and Revenue Account, which are in agreement with the books of account, give, in our opinion, and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the information required by the Companies Act, 1948 in the manner so required and give a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 30th November, 1970 and of the Society's profit for the period ending that date.

(Sgd.) MORRIS & YOUNG, C.A.

£12,374

£11,436 1 4



**DR. JAMES DURNO,  
C.B.E., LL.D.**



Dr. James Durno, of Uppermill, Tarves, died on January 7th, 1971, and an outstanding character thus passed from our midst.

He was awarded the C.B.E., an honorary LL.D. degree by Aberdeen University, in addition to being made Patron of the Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society and Honorary President of the Royal Highland & Agricultural Society of Scotland.

These honours, rarely bestowed on those engaged largely on pastoral pursuits and the improvement of livestock, indicate the esteem in which James Durno was held by his fellows in all walks of life, and their recognition of his unique contribution to agriculture.

Born of ancestors rooted in the tradition of Shorthorn Cattle and brought up in a district which is the very spring from which the improved cattle first began to flow to the New World, it is not surprising that the challenge was taken up and the traditions upheld.

Many are the trophies won by Uppermill Shorthorns at Perth Sales and National Shows. Their influence abroad has been such as to bring enumerable friends from home and overseas to Uppermill where a great host was always ready with a warm welcome.

A tour of the herd was a "never to be forgotten" experience, each animal being called by name and seeming to respond, there being some understanding which seems only to exist between great breeders and their animals, and the whole visit would be interspersed with anecdotes and great good humour.

It has been said of James Durno that he was a good winner and a good loser. We are grateful to him for many things, not least for the example he set us in facing personal tragedy of which he had more than his share.

To his daughter Mary and to Fraser his nephew we offer our sympathy.

J.B.

## BREED STRONGHOLD IN SCOTLAND

### UPPERMILL

Without doubt, one of the best known figures in Scottish farming is Dr. James Durno, C.B.E., of Uppermill, Tarves, Aberdeenshire. He fulfils his various official duties with tremendous enthusiasm and over the years he has acted as Chairman of numerous important Societies; including The Royal Highland & Agricultural Society of Scotland (twice), the North-Eastern Agricultural Executive Committee, Aberdeen and Northern Marts Ltd., The North Eastern Agricultural Co-operative Society and The Scottish Shorthorn Breeders' Association (now known as The Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society).

In 1949, the C.B.E. was awarded to Mr. Durno in recognition of his services to agriculture, and in 1960, he was honoured by the University of Aberdeen when he was conferred with the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

His enthusiasm for the Beef Shorthorn is widely known and in Shorthorn circles he is regarded as one of the "Master Breeders" of this Century.

Uppermill Shorthorns have been shown consistently and with tremendous success at the various National and local Summer Shows, and Uppermill-bred stock have won many honours for their owners in all parts of the world. In this country at the Royal Highland and Royal Shows, in particular, Uppermill Shorthorns have always been in the Championship line-up over the years, and many Supreme awards have been won.

In the Sale-ring too, Uppermill stock have kept the flag flying, and the Herd top-price for a bull sold at public auction is 7,100 gns., which was paid at the Perth February Show and Sale in 1956, for Uppermill Leopold, who was bought for the Westdrums Herd of Messrs. Boots Pure Drug Co. Ltd. It is interesting to record that at the Perth February Show and Sale in 1960, Dr. Durno won the "Jose Maria de Pinero" gold medal which was presented by the Judge, Sr. Adolfo E. Pinero, to the breeder of the Stock Bull whose progeny won most prizes at the Show that particular year. Dr. Durno's winning sire was Uppermill Leopold. The first five sons of Leopold to be sold at Perth for the Westdrums Herd, made £7,500.

The Durno family has had a long association with the Beef Shorthorn breed, dating back to 1872 when Dr. Durno's father bought his first Shorthorn. In 1882 he purchased his first females from Mr. William Duthie, of Collynie, one of which was a heifer, Chief Blossom, who later won her class at the Highland Show.

At that time the Durno family farmed at Jackstown, but on the death of the noted breeder, Mr. John Marr, of Uppermill, in 1915, Dr. Durno's father took over the farm and his Beef Shorthorn herd was transferred there.

With the advent of the Durno family to farm at Uppermill, the Shorthorn Herd was destined to continue to attain still greater fame for the new owners.

Prior to the transference of the Herd to Uppermill, the late Mr. Durno had already established his reputation, as a Shorthorn breeder at



Jackstown, Fyvie, with such well-known families as Blossom (a branch of the Averages), Miss Ramsden, Rosemary, Broadhooks, Clara, Orange Blossom, Butterfly, Rosebud, Princess Royal, Violet, Secret, Rosewood, Goldie, Lavender, and both the Charity and Cinderella Clippers.

Sittyton sires were used, and afterwards Collynie, culminating with the great breeding bull, Mesmerist by Knight of Collynie, out of a Royal Leader cow. Mesmerist was the principal stock bull at the time of the transfer of the herd from Jackstown to Uppermill, and was the sire of the 2,000 gns. Roseate, a heifer calf out of a Rosebud cow, sold to the Argentine at the 1919 Collynie-Uppermill sale. Mesmerist also sired many other high-priced animals.

In 1919, 1,000 gns. was paid by Mr. Durno for Collynie Bright Knight, by Knight of Collynie out of a Royal Leader cow, and, like Mesmerist, from an Uppermill family. At the Annual Collynie-Uppermill Sale that same year, nine of Dr. Durno's heifer calves averaged £921 13/d., with a top price of 2,000 gns.

In 1923, the late Mr. James Durno was succeeded by his two sons, James and Leslie, who carried on the herd in partnership until 1932 when the present James Durno assumed full control.

The bull and heifer calves continued to be sold annually in conjunction with Collynie, until their discontinuance in 1937. Since that time the bulls have been sold at the Annual Sales at Perth and Aberdeen.

Over the years, the animals bred at Uppermill have gone from success to success, and won all the major Breed honours both at Shows and Sales, including the coveted Supreme Championship at the Perth February Show and Sale which was won in 1942 by Royal Rothies, by Calrossie Sweepstake. This bull was sold at the Sale for 3,100 gns. for export to U.S.A.

It can therefore be said that none of the major Beef Shorthorn honours have eluded this Herd.

Mention must now be made of some of the Stock Bulls which have been used at Uppermill. One of the first bulls to be used by the present owner, was Glastullich Watchman, who was used in the Herd for several seasons in the early 1930's, and, in the opinion of Dr. Durno, he was one of the best bulls he ever used. One of Watchman's daughters, Secret Poppy, won the Supreme Championship at the Highland Show in 1939.

In the late 1930's, Calrossie Sweepstake, a red son of Calrossie Randolph, was used with some considerable success. Next followed a bull which left particularly good females. This was the home-bred Uppermill Metaphor, a son of Lawton Rear Admiral, and out of Collynie Mabel 5th by Rosehaugh Mandarin. The next two sires of note used were Saltoun Red Ensign and Beaufort Benbow. The former, a prominent prize-winner at Shows, was sired by Pittodrie Landmark and out of a Princess dam by Aldie Conqueror. Beaufort Benbow, by Cruggleton Pentland Firth was out of a home-bred dam, Lulu by Uppermill Gladiator.

Two Westdrums-bred sires followed, Prince Maurice and Pablo, both sons of Erimus Emeritus. Westdrums Prince Maurice left some outstanding females at Uppermill and he was used extensively before being sold to Mr. White, Edinglassie, Australia. Pablo was the sire of two Royal Show Female Champions.

Two Uppermill-bred sires which made a great impression were then used, Uppermill Perfect, a son of Westdrums Pablo, and out of Rosewood Rapture by Cruggleton Perfect; and Uppermill Seafield, by Erimus Hansard. Out of Secret Portia by Westdrums Prince Maurice. Both were sold for export to New Zealand.



Another Westdrums-bred sire who, in Dr. Durno's opinion, he should never have sold so soon, was Westdrums Prince Ian, by Pittodrie Jove. He left several outstanding females in the Herd before being sold privately to Texas, U.S.A.

The present Stock Bulls being used are Westdrums Wallace, by Westdrums Jamie, and Uppermill Ballot, by Westdrums Wallace. Uppermill Ballot is out of the noted show cow, Broadhooks Beth, by Westdrums Prince Ian.

The female families at Uppermill are descended from the famous original Uppermill families. For many years, Collynie-bred sires were largely used, and there is a long strain of the famous Cupbearer of Collynie in the herd. The existing families in the Uppermill Herd today include, Augusta, Broadhooks, Blythesome, Crocus, Clara, Clipper, Floss, Lovely, Mabel, Princess Royal, Pauline, Queen Rothes, Rosewood, Secret and Wimple.

The Uppermill matrons constitute one of the finest herds in the world. They are low-set, wide framed, deep milking cows, with a wealth of natural flesh. They have proved in the past invaluable to the breed and there is no doubt they will continue to maintain and augment the present great reputation of Uppermill stock.

The Herd, which is now being carried on by Dr. Durno in conjunction with his daughter, Mary, and his nephew, Fraser Durno, has certainly played an important part in the Breed's progress through the years, and its high standards have been well maintained.

Little wonder that a visit to Uppermill is a "must" for all Beef Shorthorn enthusiasts from all parts of the world.

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*Reprinted from the "Beef Shorthorn Record" of December, 1969*

## **UNIQUE HONOURS ARE BESTOWED ON DR. JAMES DURNO, C.B.E., LL.D.**

This year saw two unique honours being bestowed on Dr. James Durno, C.B.E., LL.D., Uppermill, Tarves, Aberdeenshire, one of our most active and dedicated Breeders. At the Society's Annual Dinner held on 10th February, the retiring President, Mr. R. H. Watherston, C.B.E., announced that Dr. Durno had been elected the first Patron of the Society, the highest honour which the Society could bestow, in recognition of his outstanding services to the Society and the Breed. The announcement was received with tremendous approval by all Members.

Later on in the year, another first time honour was conferred on Dr. Durno by the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society, when he was made Honorary President for his long and tremendously valuable services to the Society.

It is understood that this new appointment required altering the Royal Charter, this, in itself, being a pointer to the esteem in which Dr. Durno is held. He has been a Member of the Royal Highland for 60 years, on the Board of Director for 46 years, and also held the office of Chairman twice.

The President, Directors and all Members of the Society, heartily congratulate Dr. Durno on these honours so richly deserved.



# CATTLE SOCIETY

## SHEET

November, 1970

As at  
31/12/69.

**Fixed Assets.**

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**Current Assets.**

1. DEBTORS.									
81	(a) Members' Subscriptions Arrears ... ..							17 16 0	
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£2,312								1,054 5 11	
431	2. PREPAYMENT ON PENSION POLICY ... ..							324 15 0	
3. INVESTMENTS.									
£2,000 6½% Treasury Stock, 1976 ... £1,831 0 6									
£500 3% Savings Bonds, 1965/75 ... 500 0 0									
£70 3½% War Stock, at cost ... 70 0 0									
£1,000 Perth County Council 6½% Bonds ... .. 1,000 0 0									
£25 United Livestock Exports of Great Britain Limited ... .. 25 0 0									
£1 Share Livestock Semen Exporters ... .. 1 0 0									
£600 City of Perth Short Term Loan ... .. 600 0 0									
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(Market Value at 31/12/69, £3,292)									
(Market Value at 30/11/70, £3,972)									
92	4. STOCK, Car Badges, Ties, etc. ... ..							81 10 0	
5. NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND LTD.									
605	Current Account ... ..							£461 10 4	
6. CASH BALANCE.									
2	Cash on Hand ... ..							8 9 7 469 19 11	£5,957 11 4
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